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1. FOR USEC. AFTER ASCERTAINING THAT JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR HAS MADE DEMARCHE REFTEL, USEC SHOULD INFORM EC AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL THAT WE SUPPORT GOJ APPEAL. USEC APPROACH SHOULD BE IN LOW KEY AND COVER FOLLOWING POINTS:

2. USG RECOGNIZES EC GENEROSITY TO UNRWA IN PAST THROUGH BOTH THE COMMUNITY'S AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS. WE ARE ALSO WELL AWARE THAT EC SHARES OUR VIEW THAT UNRWA PLAYS AN ESSENTIAL ROLE, BOTH THROUGH ITS DIRECT IMPORTANCE TO THE REFUGEES, AND BY ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE STABILITY OF THEIR HOST COUNTRIES, IN MAINTAINING AN ATMOSPHERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN WHICH THE SEARCH FOR PEACE CAN GO ON. WE WISH NOW SIMPLY TO INFORM THE EC THAT WE SHARE JORDAN'S JUDGMENT THAT UNRWA IS IN DESPERATE FINANCIAL STRAITS IN THE CLOSING MONTHS OF 1975 AND THAT WE WOULD REGARD ANY FURTHER HELP THE EC OR ITS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS COULD GIVE UNRWA TO MEET THIS CRISIS AS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO

THE PEACEMAKING PROCESS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. AS BACKGROUND, AND AT ITS DISCRETION, USEC MAY TELL THE EC:

A) OUR JUDGMENT IS THAT UNRWA'S IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL CRISIS HAS NOT BEEN HELPED BY THE FAILURE OF ARAB OIL-PRODUCING STATES, PARTICULARLY KUWAIT, THE UAE, AND QATAR, TO MAKE THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS WHICH UNRWA CALCULATED IT WOULD GET IN THE LAST HALF OF 1975 FOLLOWING SAUDI ARABIA'S SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$10 MILLION IN JULY; B) USG 1975 CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA TOTAL \$40.9 MILLION, INCLUDING \$16 MILLION IN SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, OR OVER 39 PERCENT OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS BY GOVERNMENTS (INCLUDING EC ITSELF AND ITS MEMBERS) SO FAR RECEIVED BY UNRWA IN 1975. FYI: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EC'S DESCRIPTION OF JORDANIAN DEMARCHE AND OF STATUS OF EC'S CONTRIBUTION. HOWEVER, USEC SHOULD AVOID BEING DRAWN INTO DISCUSSING THE ADEQUACY OF THE CURRENT LEVEL OF EITHER THE EC OR USG CONTRIBUTIONS. IT DOES NOT NOW APPEAR LIKELY THAT WE WILL MAKE FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA IN 1975. END FYI.

3. FOR AMMAN. EMBASSY SHOULD TELL RIFAI THAT WE DO NOT USUALLY MAKE SUCH APPROACHES, BUT IN ORDER TO CONFIDENTIAL

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INTENSIFY OUR PRESENT CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE GOJ ON UN MATTERS (FYI INCLUDING KOREA END FYI), WE HAVE ASKED USEC TO FOLLOW UP THE JORDANIAN DEMARCHE TO THE EC WITH AN APPROACH ALONG THE LINES OF PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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